

REMARKS

Claims 4, 8 and 10-12 are pending in the application, with Claims 4, 8 and 10-12 being independent. Claims 4 and 8 have been amended. Claims 1-3, 5-7 and 9 have been cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. No new matter has been added.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation that Claims 10-12 have been allowed, and that dependent Claims 4 and 8 were objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 4 and 8 have been rewritten in independent form, and include all of the features of the respective claims from which they originally depended. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claims 4 and 8 are also allowable.

The remaining claims in the application have been cancelled in favor of a concurrently filed divisional application presenting those claims. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance.

Favorable consideration of the claims and passage to issue of the present application at the Examiner's earliest convenience are respectfully requested.

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